

SECRET

ECC

SECURITY INFORMATION

AIR

MGQW-12643

Chief of Station, Frankfurt

8 February 1952

Attn:

Chief, EE

Operational

PASTIME

Refs: MGKW-11611, MGBA-11158, MGQA-151

27 MAY 1964

1. According to our views here, the question which has been brought up in reference memo cannot be answered without taking the rest of our BOB stay-behind program into account. Generally speaking, we should cease trying to build up our PASTIME effort in the piecemeal, hit-or-miss fashion that has been in vogue up to the present time. Case officers' efforts have been expended and dissipated to such a degree in recruiting and handling each W/T operator and each potential member of a stay-behind net that they have been unable to proceed in an orderly or efficient manner. Operational training has had to be entirely neglected. The extension of efforts in recruiting smaller cogs such as live burial sites for radios would only serve further to confuse the picture.

2. We envision the following steps in correcting our previous errors and thereby taking care of the questions you have raised. We must first of all recruit a stay-behind chief agent who can work for us on a full-time basis at a salary of from 600 to 1000 DM West per month. He will be responsible for the build-up of our entire stay-behind effort in Berlin and that part of the East Zone for which BOB is to be held accountable. He and the necessary members of his staff will be evacuated when his work is done or when circumstances require such a move. During the active phase after hostilities have begun, he can be of great aid in controlling and coordinating the various aspects of our program from London or North Africa. He in turn should have three or more subordinates responsible for the recruitment of net personnel. These would be assigned areas: Berlin, North Sovernone (Brandenburg-Mecklenburg), and South Sovernone (Thüringen, Sachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt). Our recruits would then be turned over to our stay-behind chief's training and assessment staff where they can be indoctrinated in: communications; finance and equipment; contacts, cover, meetings, tradecraft; information gathering and reports writing (to include targets); escape and evasion techniques; practice field problems; warning systems, etc. The area chiefs in the

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCES/METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

meantime would concentrate on organization of the nets with a view towards setting up proper sending stations, safe houses, letter drops, radio burial sites (with and without custodians), cutouts, target areas, drop zones, etc. Here is where the provision of Vulture-BOB caches above ground would be taken care of. The background data on all net personnel would be gathered by the area chiefs and turned over to our stay-behind chief and case officer for proper vetting. Vetting for the least important member must be as thorough as for the W/T operator. The compilation of recognition and danger signals for the W/T operator (or for any other meeting to be prepared in advance) will be worked out and assigned by the training staff. Any equipment to be cached would be prepared by the case officer in conjunction with the stay-behind chief. Burial points, live and dead, would be worked out by the area chief in each case, subject to our approval.

3. The case officer would then be left free to supervise properly the slow growth of a PASTIME system which would be carried out so as to finish up completely each cell as rapidly as possible. Keeping pressure on the stay-behind chief and his subordinates, writing up correspondence for Washington, attempting to get proper equipment, supplies, and training material, seeing that the program is being handled in a secure fashion, that the targets assigned are being covered, and that recruitment is being handled in a manner consistent with our policies, are enough activities to keep even the most energetic case officer busy.

4. Until such an organization has been built up, we suggest that you continue with dead burial sites. We realize of course the amount of time necessary to develop such a program as outlined above, but we feel that only in such a manner can the project be carried out properly. Your comments, criticisms, and further suggestions are earnestly desired. A tentative Field Project Outline would be useful for this purpose. In particular, the recruitment of German staff personnel will have to be carefully thought out before proceeding. Personnel already at hand, such as CAISSON 1, may be of some assistance in indicating an approach. Ex-German Army officers, particularly general staff types, would be valuable. However, in such cases, care must be exercised in preventing defections to the West German Government or to ZIPPER.

5. When the program has been developed to the point where prospects are being considered for live burial sites, we agree that the considerations brought up by [] in M2QA-151 should be taken into account.

[]